## Criteria for Project Eligibility for the Preferred Priority List (A List) for Funding From the Flood Protection Corridor Program Pursuant to Title 23, California Code of Regulations Section 497.6 (a)

- To be eligible for the Flood Protection Corridor Program Preferred Priority List, projects must be deemed a priority for flood protection benefits, and a priority for either wildlife habitat preservation benefits or for agricultural land conservation benefits.
- 2) To be deemed a priority project for wildlife habitat protection or preservation, a proposal must receive a minimum score of 165 for habitat benefits from the wildlife group of the Flood Protection Corridor Program Project Evaluation Team containing at least one representative from the California Department of Fish and Game.
- 3) To be deemed a priority project for agricultural land conservation, a proposal must receive a minimum score of 165 for agricultural land conservation from the agricultural lands group of the Flood Protection Corridor Program Project Evaluation Team containing at least one representative from the California Department of Conservation. Such projects are eligible to be considered for high priority designation under the California Farmland Conservancy Program.
- 4) To be deemed a priority project for flood protection benefits, a proposal must receive a minimum score of 165 for flood protection and 165 for miscellaneous benefits from the Flood Protection Corridor Program Project Evaluation Team containing at least one representative from the California Department of Water Resources.
- 5) All projects on the Preferred Priority List (A List) must demonstrate that property improvements to be funded by a grant from the Flood Protection Corridor Program are protected in perpetuity by appropriate land title rights, either fee title or easement, either pre-owned or to be acquired as part of the proposed project, with titles to such land rights vested or to vest in any public land management agency, trustee agency, or regulatory agency, or responsible non-profit organization with a conservation mission.